(c) In a few instances, bad odour emanating from the toilet fitted with bio-toilets have been reported mainly due to failure of the Exhaust fans on a particular coach. The exhaust fan has since been redesigned to overcome this problem and there are no further complaints.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) These bio-toilets have been fitted on experimental measures. The results and the response from public has been encouraging. Railways plan to introduce several more coaches with bio-toilets as an efforts towards control of environment pollution.

(f) Provision of bio-toilets is a development exercise as a railway effort for control of environment pollution. Only nominal expenditure has been incurred in its development.

Admission Scam in Kendriya Vidyalayas

624. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards news-item "Admission Scam in Kendriya Vidyalayas" that appeared in the Delhi edition of the 'Sunday Observer' dated the April 28 May 4, 1996;

(b) if so, whether any probe has since been ordered therein;

(c) if so, the detailed outcome; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) At this stage there are no specific complaints or evidence before the Government to warrant such an inquiry.

Un-manned railway crossings in Gujarat

625. SHRIMAT ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of un-manned railway crossings in Gujarat at present;

(b) the number of such crossings converted into manned crossings during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the number of such crossings proposed to be converted during the current year and next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) 2948.

(b) 54.

(c) It has been decided that no new unmanned level crossing will be added and the sensitive unmanned level crossings will be, on a planned basis, after due prioritisation, converted into manned level crossings with the help of the State Govts. who have to invest the initial capital cost.

Safety meausres in Railways

626. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper safety meausres are not being implemented in Railways, causing accidents;

(b) if so, whether the officers have recently admitted that most of the accidents occur due to human error; and

(c) if so, whether Railway Staff has been held responsible for most after accidents that occurred during the past three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. Proper safety measures are being implemented.

(b) and (c) Causewise analysis of accidents reveals that human error has been one of the major causes of accidents. Each accident case is enquired into, responsibility is fixed and action is taken.

Rationalisation of Fertilizer Price Structure

627. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any ıal decision for rationalising fertilizer price ·ucture;

(b) if so, whether the increase of prices is med at discouraging farmers from ıicriminate use of chemicals;

(c) whether Government are also nsidering to enhance the prices of certain emicals;

(d) whether the Government are confident ıt new formula will aim at bringing down : per unit cost of NPK;

(e) whether Rs. 500 crore earmarked for tilizer subsidy crossed the figure of Rs. 760 ıre; and

(f) what were the main reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE HRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) ea is the only fertilizer at present under tutory price control and is sold at a uniform e of Rs. 3320 per tonne throughout the ıntry. All phosphatic and potassic fertilisers ·e been decontrolled and the Government has n giving a concession on their sale to the ners to encourage consumption.

(c) Department of chemicals & Petro-micals have informed that presently the :es of chemicals are not monitored and ılated by the Government.

(d) Hon'ble Member is perhaps referrign to scheme of 'Concessional sale of decontrolled ilizers to the farmers'. The scheme is ctive from Rabi season 1992-93. The rates :oncession under the scheme have been anced w.e.f. 6.7.1996 as under:—

Fertilizer		(Rate per tonne)
DAP (Indigenous)	:	Rs. 3000/-
DAP (Imported)	:	Rs. 1500/-
MOP	:	Rs. 1500/-
SSP :	:	Rs. 500/-
omplexes	:	From Rs. 1304 to 2633 per tonne depending upon their P & K contents.

The States have been asked to ensure that benefit of the concession is fully passed on e farmers.

(e) The provision of Rs. 500 crores for the financial year 1995-96 was fully utilised. However, the bills for that year are still being received and payments are made from the provision made for the year 1996-97.

(f) It is because of increase in consumption of fertilizers covered under the scheme.

Construction and Upgradation of Railway Projects in Orissa

628. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to take up the construction and upgradation of some Railway projects in Orissa with Japanese assistance;

(b) if so, what are these Railway projects;

(c) the cost of these projects and the fund expected to be obtained from which Japanese company for implementing those projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The possibility of obtaining assistance from the Exim Bank of Japan is being explored.

(b) The projects are Daitari-Banspani and Talcher Sambalpur.

(c) and (d) The cost of the projects are

Rs. 401 crores and Rs. 348 crores respectively. The balance requirements for which efforts are being made to obtain funds from this Bank is Rs. 400 crores and Rs. 150 crores respectively.

Negative Trend of AMS

629. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether product Specific Aggregate Measurement of Support (AMS) during the reference period 1986-89 remained highly negative amounting to Rs. 19,000/- crores;

(b) whether this figure when calculated for the year 1995 has doubled to more than Rs. 48,000 crores;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and